

AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

A meeting of the Nevada County Transportation Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at **8:30 a.m.**, in the **Grass Valley City Council Chambers**, 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California. No action will be taken at the meeting on any business not appearing on the posted agenda.

The Commission welcomes you to its meetings, which are scheduled the third Wednesday of every other month. Your opinions and suggestions are encouraged. All meetings are recorded. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible.

REGULAR MEETING: 8:30 a.m.

STANDING ORDERS: Call the Meeting to Order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANY MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON A MATTER ON THE AGENDA, please come to the podium when the item number and subject matter are announced. When recognized, please provide your name and address for the record. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to the specific item under discussion. For items **not** on the agenda, please refer to Public Comment listed after Action Items. (Time limitations are explained in an attachment to this agenda).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: For discussion and possible action.

1. Financial Reports:

A. Period 13, July, August 2005

- Local Transportation Funds.
- State Transit Assistance Fund.
- Regional Surface Transportation Program Fund.
- Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program Fund.

2. Correspondence: Note: Items 2A through 2E were emails sent to Commissioners and packet recipients with links to news articles:

- A. Email sent 7/20/05: "Transportation Sales Tax Measure On Hold," by Barry Eberling, Daily Republic, 7/14/05; "House Rejects Cuts in Amtrak Funding - Some

Warned Trims Might Lead to Shutdown,” by Edward Epstein of the Chronicle Washington Bureau, SFGate.com, 6/30/05.

- B. Email sent 7/28/05: “Senate Committee Gives Amtrak Boost in Funding,” by Jennifer A. Dlouhy of Hearst Newspapers, Contra Costa Times, 7/22/05; “Negotiators Reach Deal on Highway Bill,” by Jim Abrams of the Associated Press, Washingtonpost.com, 7/28/05; “\$286.5 Billion Highway Bill Near - No Bush Veto Likely on Legislation Filled With Pork Projects,” by Richard Simon of the Los Angeles Times, SFGate.com, 7/28/05.
- C. Email sent 8/4/05: “Editorial: Half a Federal Loaf - Transportation Bill Doesn’t Meet Local Needs,” by the Editor of The Sacramento Bee, 8/3/05.
- D. Email sent 8/10/05: “Bush Signs \$286.4 Billion Highway Bill,” by Nedra Pickler of the Associated Press, in The Sacramento Bee, 8/10/05; “Transportation Bill - Six Years of Palm-Greasing Pork,” by Gary M. Galles, SFGate.com, 8/10/05; “Vehicle Fee Plans Rile Tax Activists,” by Mike Adamick, Contra Costa Times, 8/10/05.
- E. Email sent 9/12/05: “Change of Course on Bus Rules Questioned,” by Christian Berthelsen and Carla Marinucci, staff writers for the San Francisco Chronicle, SFGate.com, 8/28/05; “Fuel Plan Infuriates Transit Agencies,” by Andrew LaMar, Times Sacramento Bureau, Contra Costa Times, 8/27/05; “Stop the Raids on State Transportation Fund,” by Anthony P. Archie, Opinion section of the East Bay Business Times, 8/29/05; “Roads Get Attention, Funding,” by Emily Setzer, Index-Tribune Intern, Sonoma News, 8/25/05; “Rethinking Our Relationship With The Car,” Providence Journal Editorial, Inside Bay Area, 8/22/05.
- * F. California's State Controller - Schedule of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for the fourth quarter of the 2004/05 FY. 7/20/05, File 1370.
- * G. Letter from Philip Carville - Request to meet with Jody Jones, Caltrans District 3 Director, to discuss the Dorsey Drive Interchange project. 7/11/05, File 1111.3.
- * H. Letter from Assembly Member Rick Keene - Response to letter from NCTC regarding the restoration of Proposition 42 funds. 7/18/05, File 570.
- * I. Letter from Sandy Sanderson - Provides an update on the status of the proposed North Star project and his comments regarding recent articles in *The Union*. 8/16/05, File 1111.19.
- * J. City of Nevada City Resolution 2005-34 - Nevada City Council supports the construction of the Dorsey Drive Interchange as a priority project to be completed as soon as possible. 8/18/05, File 1030.3.2.1.
- * K. *Sierra Sun* - Article entitled, "Roundabout construction cranking into high gear". 8/31/05, File 1030.3.2.3.
- * L. Caltrans - Receipt of revised programming estimates for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funds. 9/12/05, File 500.1

- * Copies of these items are included in the agenda packet. Copies of correspondence not included in the agenda packet will be provided on request.

3. Executive Director's Report.

4. Caltrans District 3:

A. Project Status Report: Winder Bajwa, Caltrans Project Manager for Nevada County.

B. Deadman's Flat Overcrossing: Bill Davis, Caltrans Planner for Nevada County.

5. City of Grass Valley: Wolf Creek Parkway: Presentation by Sandy Jacobson, Recreation and Facility Manager. See attached staff memo.

CONSENT ITEMS: All matters listed are to be considered routine and noncontroversial by the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the Commission votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Commission, a staff member, or an interested party requests that a specific item be removed.

6. Certificate of Appreciation: Ann Marie Robinson.

Recommendation: Authorize Chairman to sign.

7. NCTC Minutes: July 20, 2005.

Recommendation: Approve.

8. NCTC Minutes: Special Meeting - August 10, 2005.

Recommendation: Approve.

9. 2005/06 FY State Transit Assistance Apportionments: The attached table has been prepared by staff based on the State Controller's revised estimate of State Transit Assistance funds for 2005/06 FY.

Recommendation: Adopt the updated apportionment table as a basis for allocation from the State Transit Assistance Fund for FY 2005/06.

10. Allocation Request from the Town of Truckee: Through the adoption of Resolution 2005-31, the Town of Truckee is requesting an allocation of \$28,475 of State Transit Assistance Funds for the operations of Truckee's transit and paratransit systems for FY 2005/06.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-37.

11. 2005/06 Nevada County Transportation Capital Improvement and Maintenance Program (DOTS): See attached staff memo. (The CIP is included in Commissioner's packets only).

Recommendation: Authorize staff to include the 2005/06 CIP into the RTIP.

12. Allocation Request from Grass Valley: The City of Grass Valley is requesting an allocation of \$47,000 from the Regional Surface Transportation Program for the City's Traffic Congestion Relief Projects 2005.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-38.

13. Nevada County Transit Services Division Request NCTC's Approval of Certifications and Assurances for their 2004/05 FY FTA 5311 Grant Application Package in the amount of \$133,659. This document attests that NCTC certifies and assures that the Nevada County Transit Services Division has met the requirements for applying for FTA 5311 grant funds.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 05-39.

ACTION ITEMS:

14. Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Update: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-40.

15. Request for Proposal Public Opinion Survey: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Provide direction to staff.

16. Amendment I to the 2005/06 Overall Work Program: See attached staff report.

Action Requested: Adopt Resolution 05-41.

17. Discussion of NCTC's Meeting Schedule: This item was requested by Commissioner Beason at the July 20th meeting.

Action Requested: Provide direction to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may make comments at this time on any items not appearing on the agenda that are of interest to the public and are within the jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that no action shall be taken unless otherwise authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, Commission members and the Executive Director may make a brief announcement or report on his or her activities. They may also provide a reference to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda.

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

This agenda was posted on or before September 16, 2005 at the Eric Rood Administrative Center, the Town of Truckee Administrative Center, and City Halls of Grass Valley and Nevada City.